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YOU CAN'T BE HERE-- YOU DIED MORE THAN-- 50 YEARS AGO!
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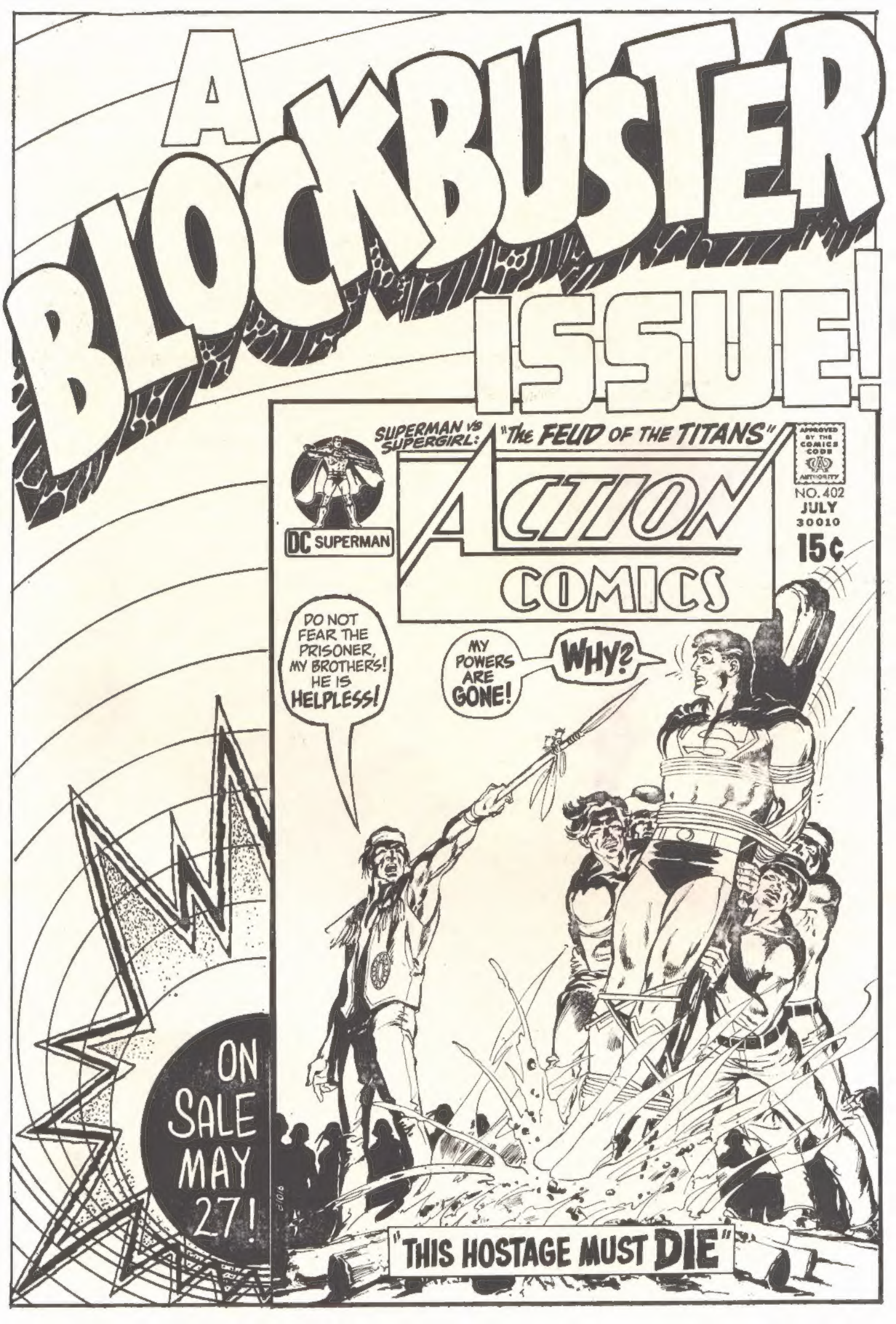
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DO NOT FEAR THE PRISONER, MY BROTHERS! HE IS HELPLESS!
MY POWERS ARE GONE!
WHY?
ON SALE MAY 27!
"THIS HOSTAGE MUST DIE"

STILL SOMEWHAT AGOG AT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OF ALL PEOPLE--**SUPERGIRL** IS NOW OPERATING IN THEIR OWN AREA--THE MOBILE UNIT OF STATION **K-SFTV** TALKS OVER THEIR LAST ADVENTURE AND THE FACT OF TWO OF THEIR TEAM, ACTUALLY MEETING THE **MAID OF STEEL** FACE TO FACE.

IT WAS GREAT PUBLICITY FOR US HAVING **SUPERGIRL** ACTUALLY RESCUE TWO OF OUR STAFF.

AND ME WITHOUT A CAMERA TO CAPTURE IT FOR-EVER ON FILM.

AND SHE WAS A PRETTY CHICK, TOO!

WHY, THANK YOU KINDLY, JOHNNY.

MAYBE YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE YET.

BUT WHAT'S ON FOR TODAY?

HEY--THAT'S RIGHT! HERE WE'VE BEEN RAPPIN' AWAY--

--AN' NOTHING'S GETTING DONE ON THE OLD PLANTATION!

WELL, MASSUH, START CRACKING YOUR WHIP--

--AND TELL US POOR, UNDERPAID SLAVES WHAT OUR NEXT JOB IS.

IT'S AN EASY CHORE--

BUT WE'LL NEED FULL EQUIPMENT AND A MOBILE UNIT.

WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO DO A DOCUMENTARY ON SOME OF THE CITY'S FAMOUS OLD HOMES.

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AND SOME OF THE **INFAMOUS** ONES, TOO.

GEOFF--CAN I RUSH OFF HOME AND CHANGE INTO SOMETHING MORE SUITABLE FOR OUTSIDE WORK?

I'LL BE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES.

UNNOTICED BY THE OTHERS, NASTY PICKS UP A PHONE, DIALS A NUMBER, AND WHISPERS SOME INSTRUCTIONS INTO IT!

NASTY FOR SOME TIME HAS SUSPECTED THAT LINDA AND **SUPERGIRL** ARE THE SAME PERSON--

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15 MINUTES LATER, LINDA IS AT HER APARTMENT, CHANGES QUICKLY INTO A LEATHER PANTS OUTFIT AND--
--AND AS SOON AS I TRANSFER MY THINGS FROM ONE BAG TO ANOTHER--I'M OFF!
DARTING OUT OF HER APARTMENT AND INTO THE STREET...
WHAT LUCK! HERE COMES A 507 CABLE CAR THAT RUNS RIGHT PAST THE OFFICE!
GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE?
JUST ABOUT. HOP ON!
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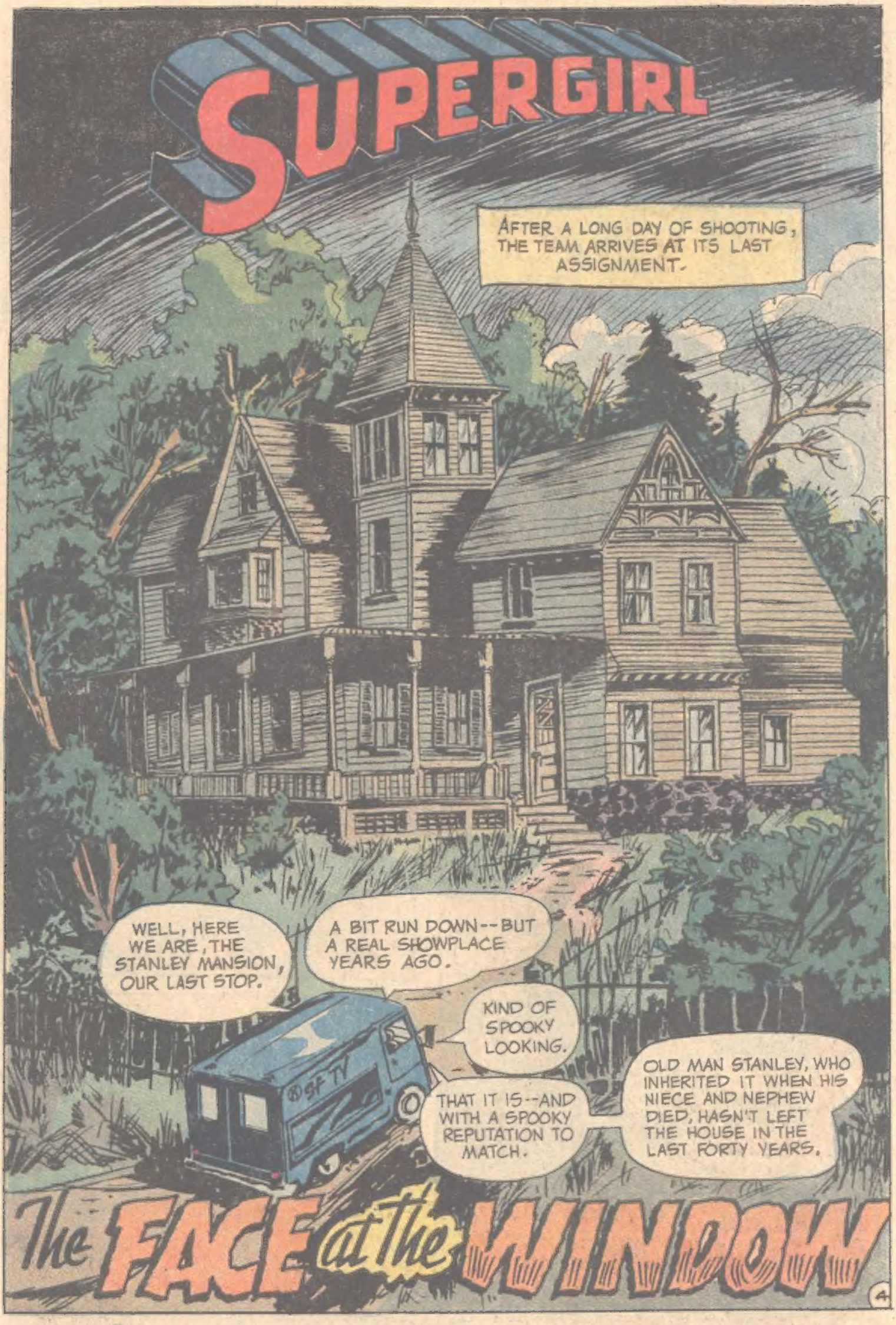
HE WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT "JUST ABOUT". WHEW! WHAT A CROWD!
PUSHING HER OWN WAY ON, LINDA DOES NOT NOTICE THE TWO OTHERS WHO CROWD, PUSH AND SHOVE THEIR WAY ON BEHIND HER.
SUDDENLY SOME SIXTH SENSE FLASHES LINDA--(SUPERGIRL) A RED ALERT!
THAT GIRL EDGING TOWARD ME--
SHE'S UP TO SOMETHING--BUT WHAT?
QUICKLY, THE GIRL REACHES UP AND ATTEMPTS TO TEAR OFF LINDA'S WIG. AND AS ANOTHER PASSENGER RAISES A CAMERA AT HER, LINDA REALIZES WHAT THE TRAP IS.
GET A SHOT OF ME WITH MY WIG OFF!
SHOW IT TO JOHNNY, WHO'S SEEN SUPERGIRL--AND MY COVER IS BLOWN! I'D HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN BUILDING A NEW IDENTITY SOMEWHERE ELSE!

A QUICK ELBOW BENEATH THE RIBS QUICKLY DISCOURAGES ANY FURTHER PLANS AT WIG-SNATCHING!
OOF!
NOW TO GRAB HER AND HER PAL-- ALTHOUGH I CAN PRETTY WELL GUESS WHO'S BEHIND THEM-- NASTY!
UNABLE TO MOVE TOO FAST IN THE OVERCROWDED CAR, LINDA CANNOT COLLAR THE TWO AS THEY QUICKLY HOP OFF AND RUN!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE THEM A STORY--
I THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO SNATCH MY PURSE--
--WHILE THE ONE WITH THE CAMERA BLINDED ME WITH HIS FLASH GUN-- HIS ACCOMPLICE WOULD CLIP MY PURSE STRAPS--
THIS TOWN IS GETTING MORE LIKE FUN CITY EVERY DAY!
AND TO THINK WE MOVED WEST JUST TO GET AWAY FROM JUST THAT!
JUST THEN, THE CABLE CAR PASSES THE OFFICES OF K-SFTV, AND LINDA HOPS OFF.
ANYTHING WE CAN DO-- CALL THE POLICE?
NO--NO HARM WAS DONE--AND THEY'RE BOTH LONG GONE BY NOW!
BESIDES, HERE'S WHERE I GET OFF! SO LONG, AND THANKS!
DID I MAKE IT?
THIRTY MINUTES ON THE DOT!
OKAY, LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
YOU LOOK A LITTLE DISHEVELED, LINDA. ANYTHING HAPPEN?
NO, JUST A CROWDED CABLE CAR--
SOMEHOW SHE GOT OUT OF THE TRAP I SET.

BEGINNING IN JUNE **DARING, DIFFERENT, NEW MAGS** ARE COMING!


SUPERGIRL
AFTER A LONG DAY OF SHOOTING, THE TEAM ARRIVES AT ITS LAST ASSIGNMENT.
WELL, HERE WE ARE, THE STANLEY MANSION, OUR LAST STOP.
A BIT RUN DOWN--BUT A REAL SHOWPLACE YEARS AGO.
KIND OF SPOOKY LOOKING.
THAT IT IS--AND WITH A SPOOKY REPUTATION TO MATCH.
OLD MAN STANLEY, WHO INHERITED IT WHEN HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW DIED, HASN'T LEFT THE HOUSE IN THE LAST FORTY YEARS.
The FACE at the WINDOW
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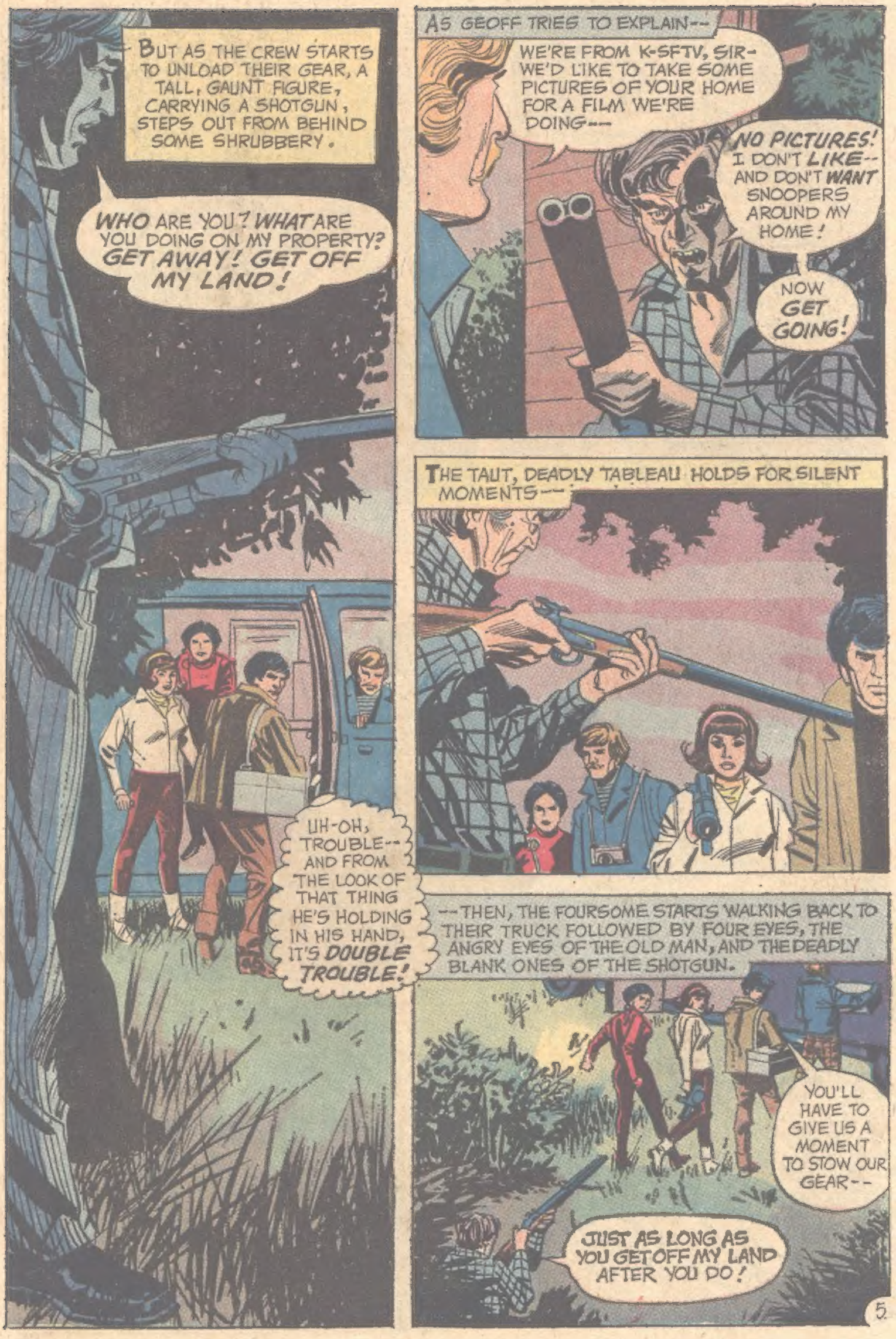
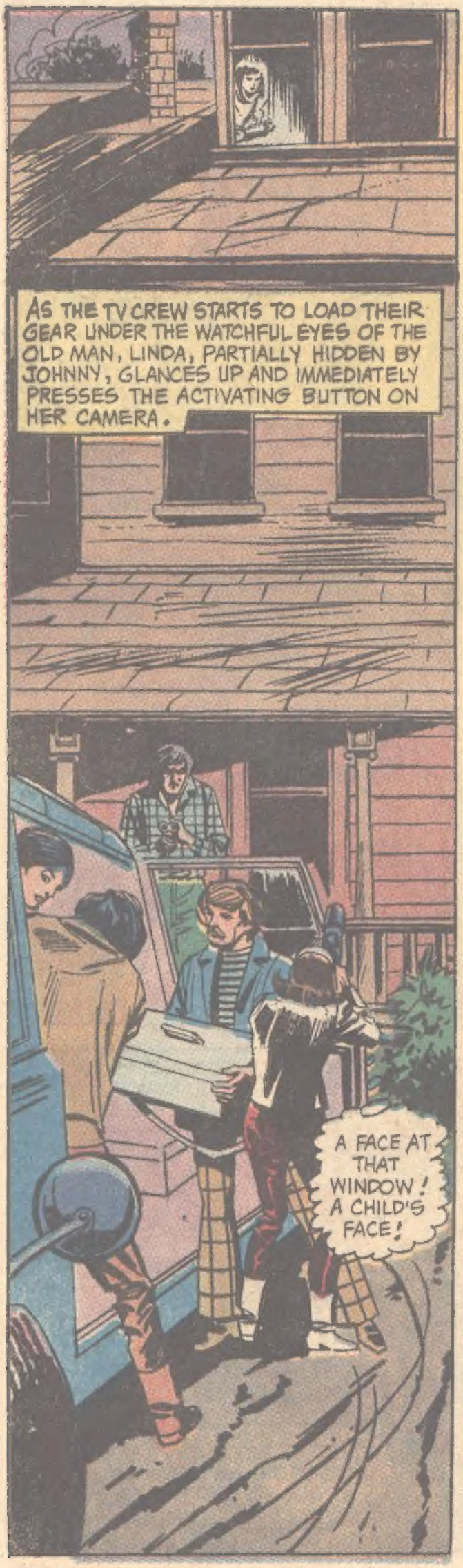
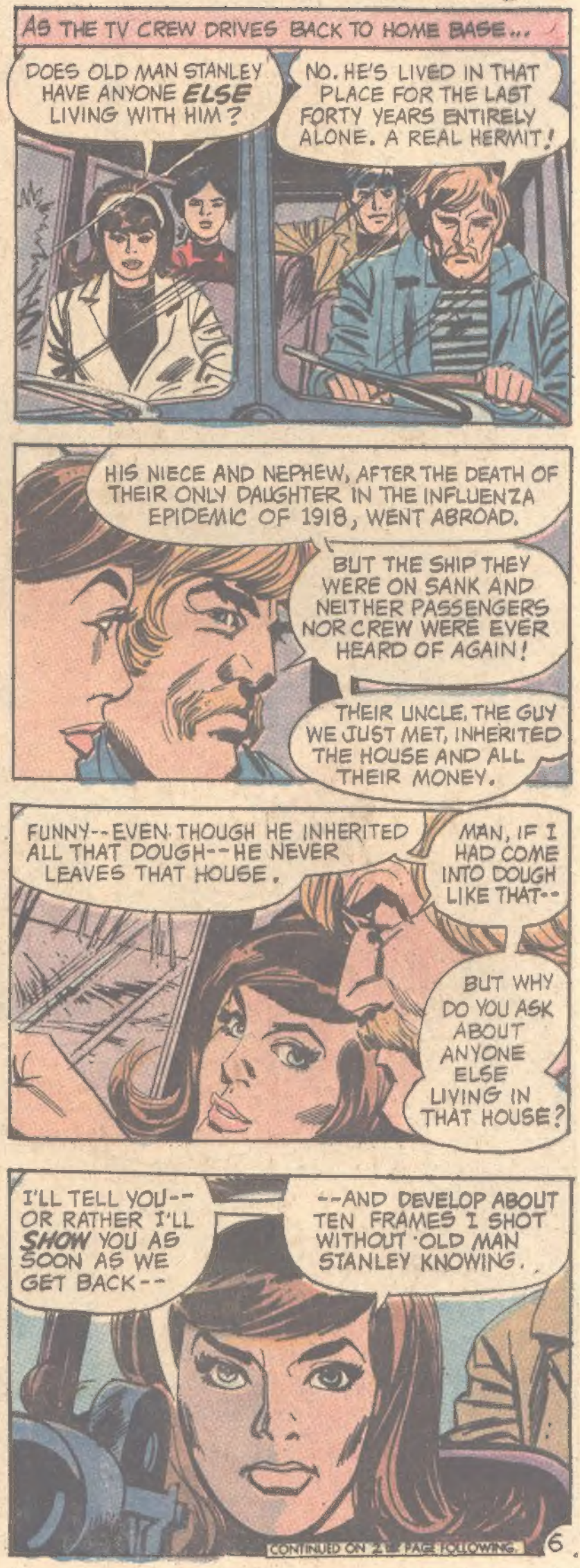

BUT AS THE CREW STARTS TO UNLOAD THEIR GEAR, A TALL, GAUNT FIGURE, CARRYING A SHOTGUN, STEPS OUT FROM BEHIND SOME SHRUBBERY.
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY PROPERTY? GET AWAY! GET OFF MY LAND!
UH-OH, TROUBLE-- AND FROM THE LOOK OF THAT THING HE'S HOLDING IN HIS HAND, IT'S DOUBLE TROUBLE!
AS GEOFF TRIES TO EXPLAIN--
WE'RE FROM K-SFTV, SIR-- WE'D LIKE TO TAKE SOME PICTURES OF YOUR HOME FOR A FILM WE'RE DOING---
NO PICTURES! I DON'T LIKE-- AND DON'T WANT SNOOPERS AROUND MY HOME!
NOW GET GOING!
THE TAUT, DEADLY TABLEAU HOLDS FOR SILENT MOMENTS---
--THEN, THE FOURSOME STARTS WALKING BACK TO THEIR TRUCK FOLLOWED BY FOUR EYES, THE ANGRY EYES OF THE OLD MAN, AND THE DEADLY BLANK ONES OF THE SHOTGUN.
YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE US A MOMENT TO STOW OUR GEAR--
JUST AS LONG AS YOU GET OFF MY LAND AFTER YOU DO!


AS THE TV CREW STARTS TO LOAD THEIR GEAR UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF THE OLD MAN, LINDA, PARTIALLY HIDDEN BY JOHNNY, GLANCES UP AND IMMEDIATELY PRESSES THE ACTIVATING BUTTON ON HER CAMERA.
A FACE AT THAT WINDOW! A CHILD'S FACE!


AS THE TV CREW DRIVES BACK TO HOME BASE...
DOES OLD MAN STANLEY HAVE ANYONE ELSE LIVING WITH HIM?
NO. HE'S LIVED IN THAT PLACE FOR THE LAST FORTY YEARS ENTIRELY ALONE. A REAL HERMIT!
HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW, AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER IN THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC OF 1918, WENT ABROAD.
BUT THE SHIP THEY WERE ON SANK AND NEITHER PASSENGERS NOR CREW WERE EVER HEARD OF AGAIN!
THEIR UNCLE, THE GUY WE JUST MET, INHERITED THE HOUSE AND ALL THEIR MONEY.
FUNNY--EVEN THOUGH HE INHERITED ALL THAT DOUGH--HE NEVER LEAVES THAT HOUSE.
MAN, IF I HAD COME INTO DOUGH LIKE THAT--
BUT WHY DO YOU ASK ABOUT ANYONE ELSE LIVING IN THAT HOUSE?
I'LL TELL YOU--OR RATHER I'LL SHOW YOU AS SOON AS WE GET BACK--
--AND DEVELOP ABOUT TEN FRAMES I SHOT WITHOUT OLD MAN STANLEY KNOWING.

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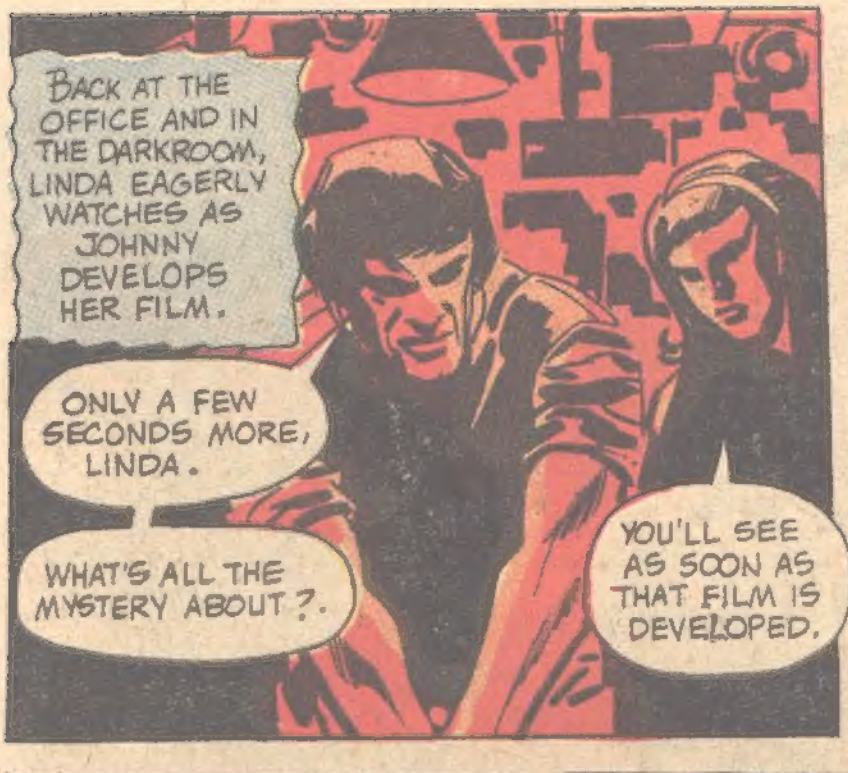
BACK AT THE OFFICE AND IN THE DARKROOM, LINDA EAGERLY WATCHES AS JOHNNY DEVELOPS HER FILM.
ONLY A FEW SECONDS MORE, LINDA.
WHAT'S ALL THE MYSTERY ABOUT?.
YOU'LL SEE AS SOON AS THAT FILM IS DEVELOPED.

THERE IT IS, LINDA-- BUT THERE'S NOTHING ON IT-- JUST SOME SHOTS OF THE HOUSE.
BUT--THERE HAS TO BE-- PLEASE, JOHNNY-- CAN YOU MAKE SOME ENLARGEMENTS FOR ME?
I KNOW-- I MEAN THE CAMERA MUST HAVE GOTTEN WHAT I SAW!

AGAIN LINDA EAGERLY WATCHES AS THE DEVELOPING SOLUTION BRINGS OUT THE PICTURES IN A MUCH LARGER SIZE.
BUT WHAT IS IT YOU SAW?
YOU'LL SEE-- YOU'LL SEE--

SORRY, HONEY-- BUT LOOK FOR YOURSELF--

NOTHING BUT SOME SHOTS OF AN EMPTY WINDOW IN THE ATTIC OF OLD STANLEY'S HOUSE!
IT CAN'T BE! I DON'T SEE--

DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, KID-- WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES-- PROBABLY SOME SORT OF OPTICAL ILLUSION.
THE PICS PROVED THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THERE TO BE SEEN.
PICS OR NOT--I SAW SOMETHING-- AND I'M GOING TO--

IN THE BACKGROUND, AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR IS TAKING IN THE WHOLE CONVERSATION...
NOW LISTEN TO ME, LITTLE ONE--YOU DIDN'T SEE A THING! SO DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH--
HMM--I WONDER WHAT LITTLE MYSTERY LINDA HAS STUMBLED ON--AND WHAT SUPERGIRL IS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

AND NASTY IS RIGHT! FOR THAT NIGHT LINDA, ALIAS SUPERGIRL, GETS HERSELF READY TO INVESTIGATE THE STRANGE MYSTERY OF THE CHILD'S FACE AT THE ATTIC WINDOW.
I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY IT DIDN'T SHOW ON FILM-- BUT I KNOW I SAW IT!

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN, NASTY HAS PLANS OF HER OWN.
THIS BLACK OUTFIT WILL KEEP OLD MAN STANLEY FROM SEEING ME SO EASILY--
WHILE I SPY ON SUPERGIRL TO SEE WHAT SHE'S UP TO OUT THERE.

LATER THAT NIGHT, A FIGURE CLOTHED IN BLACK AND ALMOST INVISIBLE AGAINST THE BLACKNESS OF THE NIGHT FINDS AN UNLOCKED WINDOW IN THE OLD STANLEY MANSION AND SILENTLY ENTERS.
WHILE AT THAT SAME MOMENT, THE FAMILIAR RED, BLUE AND GOLD FIGURE OF SUPERGIRL LANDS LIGHTLY AS A FEATHER ON THE ROOF OUTSIDE AN ATTIC WINDOW IN THE SAME STANLEY MANSION.
THERE IT IS! THE WINDOW I SAW, WITH THE CHILD LOOKING OUT AT ME!
SILENTLY, SHE FORCES THE LOCKED WINDOW...
QUIETLY, GIRL--VERY QUIETLY.
WOULDN'T WANT TO WAKE MR STANLEY--
...AS SHE STEPS INTO THE ATTIC--SHE SUDDENLY WHIRLS AROUND AND--
I KNEW IT! I DID SEE YOU!
WHO ARE YOU--WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THERES NO TIME FOR THAT--
I'M GLAD YOU CAME--I'VE BEEN WAITING EVER SO LONG FOR YOU--
I NEED YOUR HELP.
YOU NEED MY HELP--?
BUT--
SHHH--WE MUSN'T WAKE HIM, YOU KNOW.
YES, I'VE LOOKED AND LOOKED--AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND THEM.
FIND WHOM?
WHY, MOTHER AND FATHER.
THEY'RE BOTH HERE IN THIS HOUSE--
BUT THEY'VE BEEN HIDDEN FROM ME.
PLEASE HELP ME.
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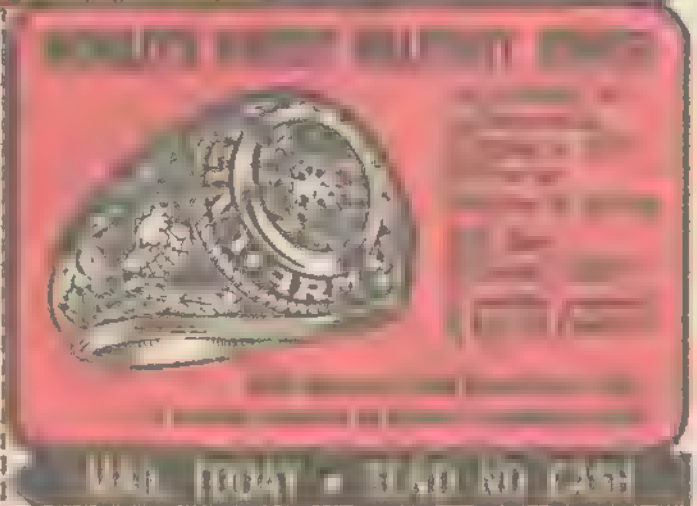

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HE HID THEM, YOU KNOW--
HE'S NOT A NICE MAN AT ALL.
WOW, OLD GIRL, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO NOW?
JUST THEN, FROM BELOW-- A VOICE BELLOWS--
THERE'S SOMEONE HERE! I KNOW IT!
HE'S HEARD US!
BUT IT ISN'T SUPERGIRL AND THE STRANGE LITTLE GIRL OLD MAN STANLEY HAS DISCOVERED, IT'S...
OHHH, HE'S FOUND ME!
DARN THAT SUPERGIRL FOR GETTING ME INTO THIS!
SO YOU WON'T COME OUT--MAYBE THIS'LL CONVINCE YOU!
KLAM
BLOM
AS THE TWIN BARRELS BLAST OUT THEIR MESSAGE OF DEATH, A TERRIFIED NASTY ROLLS ON THE FLOOR AS WHISTLING PELLETS OF DOOM SING ABOUT HER, SEARCHING FOR HER LIFE--
NNNN--
--AND AS SHE HEARS THE UNMISTAKABLE SOUND OF TWO MORE SHELLS BEING RAMMED HOME, AND THE EVEN MORE HORRIFYING SOUND OF TWIN HAMMERS BEING COCKED, HER NERVE BREAKS.
NO-- DON'T SHOOT! I'M COMING OUT!

A RANTING, RAVING OLD MAN STANLEY DESCENDS UPON HER AND RIPS AWAY HER MASK.

ONE OF THEM SNOOPERS FROM THAT TV PROGRAM I RUN OFF THIS MORNING, EH ?

I'LL HAVE THE POLICE TAKE CARE OF YOU!

B-B-B--

WHILE THE NOW COMPLETELY TERRIFIED NASTY, WORDLESS WITH FEAR, TRIES TO STUTTER OUT AN EXPLANATION, *SUPERGIRL*, ALSO WORDLESSLY, FOLLOWS HER MYSTERIOUS LITTLE FRIEND.

QUICK-- WHILE HE'S BUSY WITH HER, WE'LL LOOK SOME MORE.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE I HAVEN'T LOOKED AND THAT'S THE CELLAR.

HE WAS ALWAYS DOWN THERE.

FOLLOWING THE STRANGE LITTLE GIRL DOWN THE CELLAR STAIRS, *SUPERGIRL* PONDERS ON THE UNREALITY OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HER.

NASTY CREEPING AROUND UPSTAIRS-- ME FOLLOWING A LITTLE GIRL AROUND IN AN OLD CELLAR--

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR.

BUT MY CURIOSITY IS CERTAINLY *AROUSED!*

CAREFULLY, AND EVER SO SILENTLY, THE TWO SEARCH THROUGH THE CLUTTERED JUNK THAT GENERATIONS OF STANLEYS REALLY NO LONGER HAD ANY USE FOR-- BUT COULDN'T BEAR TO THROW AWAY.

WELL, HONEY-- WE'VE BEEN OVER, THROUGH AND UNDER ALL THIS MESS AND WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT YOU WANT FOUND.

WE MUST LOOK HARDER. THEY'RE CLOSE-- EVER SO CLOSE-- I CAN FEEL THEM.

SUDDENLY, *SUPERGIRL* STOPS--

HOW *DUMB* CAN I BE?

MY *X-RAY* VISION!

THIS THING HAS HAD ME SO MYSTIFIED I *FORGOT* ALL ABOUT IT!

I ONLY HOPE IT'S IN *WORKING* ORDER!

TURNING SLOWLY, *SUPERGIRL* USES HER X-RAY VISION TO SCAN THE ENTIRE CELLAR. SUDDENLY, SHE STOPS.

SOMETHING THERE IN THAT WALL-- STOPPING MY X-RAY VISION!

SOMETHING THAT CAN ONLY BE SHIELDED IN *LEAD.*

QUICKLY NOW, IN FEAR THAT HER ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN SUPER-POWERS MIGHT QUIT ON HER, SUPERGIRL TURNS TO HER HEAT-VISION.
I'LL MELT THAT OUTER BRICK WALL AND THE HEAT GENERATED BY ITS MELTING WILL THEN MELT THE LEAD BEHIND IT!
TURNING ON THE HEAT FULL FORCE, THE MAID OF STEEL SEES THE WALL TURN WHITE HOT--THEN--
IT WORKED -- THERE'S A HOLE MELTED IN THE LEAD WALL, TOO!
NOW TO SEE WHAT'S IN THERE--
BUT, AS SUPERGIRL STEPS FORWARD--
DLANGG
UH-OH! HOSTILES BEHIND US!
GATHERING UP THE LITTLE GIRL, SUPERGIRL LEAPS OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE AS ANOTHER DOUBLE BLAST FOLLOWS THE FIRST.
ZLUNG
ZLUNG
MORE SNOOPERS!
GOT TO GET HER TO A SAFE PLACE BEFORE I CAN GO AFTER HIM!
MEANWHILE...
WHAM!
GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF THE WAY FIRST--THEN I'LL GET THOSE OTHER SNOOPERS!
WITH NASTY SAFELY-UNCONSCIOUS, OLD MAN STANLEY GRABS UP A BELT OF SHELLS AND ADVANCES INTO THE CELLAR BEHIND A HAIL OF SCREAMING DEATH.
YOU WON'T ELUDE OLD MARTHA HERE FOR LONG.
I'LL GET YOU SOONER OR LATER!
BLOOM
BOOM

THRUSTING THE LITTLE GIRL DOWN BEHIND SOME OLD FURNITURE, SUPERGIRL LOOKS OUT.
HE'S RIGHT! HE KNOWS THIS CELLAR AND I DON'T!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE FINDS US.
STAY DOWN, HONEY--I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
WITH UNFESTED SUDDENNESS, THE MAID OF MIGHT LAUNCHES HERSELF THROUGH THE A.S.
MR. STANLEY--YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE!
AND SURPRISED AS HE IS, HE FIRES ROUND AFTER ROUND INTO THE FIGURE RUNNING TOWARD HIM--AND STILL IT COMES ON THROUGH A RAIN OF STEEL BEING FIRED AT HER BODY. AND THE CELLAR ECHOES AND RE-ECHOES TO THE SOUND OF THE BOOMING SHOTGUN AND THE MADDENED SCREAMS OF OLD MAN STANLEY.
DIE! DIE! DIE!!
MM
BLOM
OM
OM
OM
MMM
M
OM
YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN DEAD LONG AGO!
STEEL-LIKE FINGERS REACH OUT AND PLUCK THE SMOKING SHOTGUN FROM THE HANDS OF THE ASTONISHED MR. STANLEY.
SORRY TO RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR TOY, MR. STANLEY--
--BUT I NEED IT TO KEEP YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF FOR AWHILE.
TWISTING AND TURNING THE STILL HOT METAL, SUPERGIRL TURNS THE ONCE DEADLY WEAPON INTO AN EFFECTIVE PAIR OF HANDCUFFS.
ALL RIGHT, HONEY--YOU CAN COME OUT NOW--IT'S SAFE!
I KNOW--YOU'VE FOUND THEM FOR ME--GOOD BYE!

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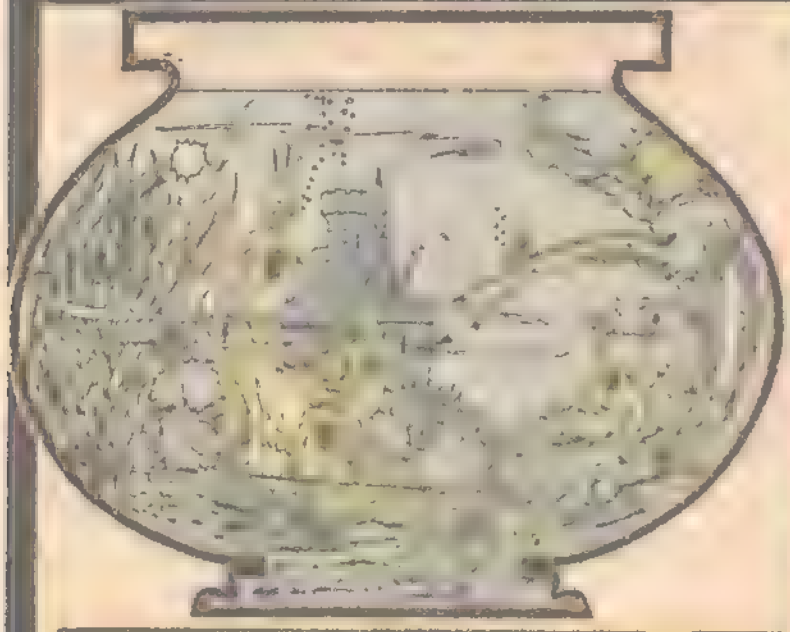

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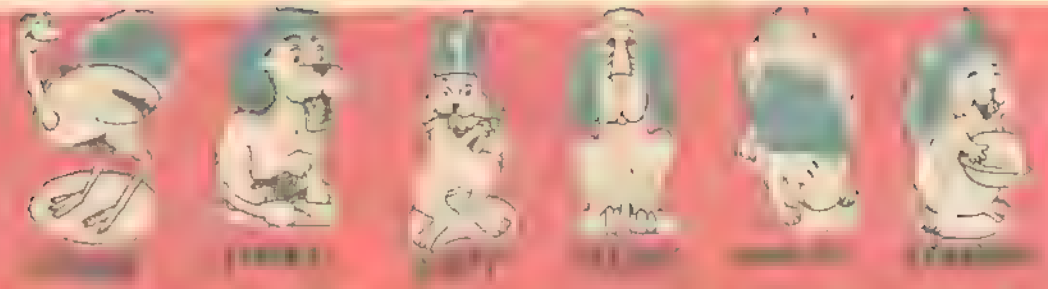

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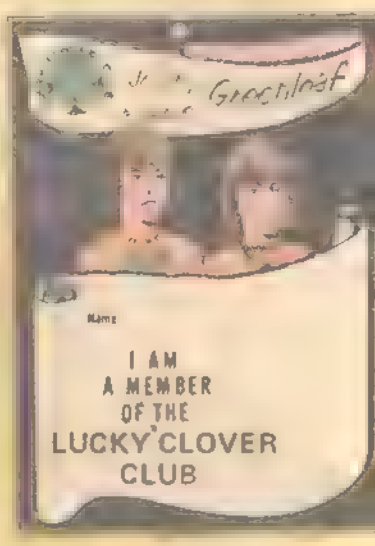

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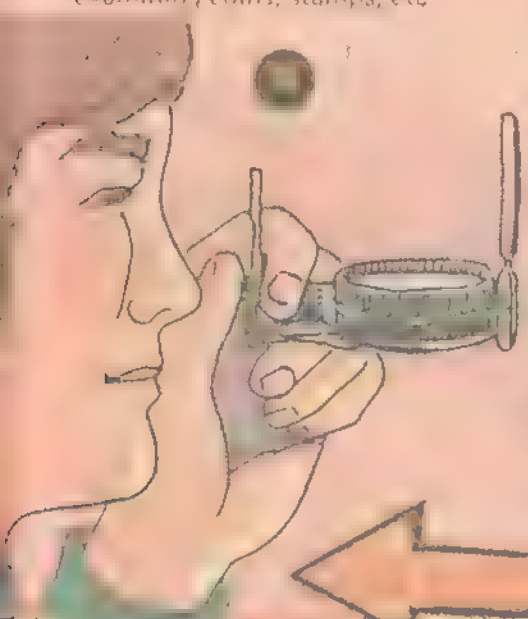

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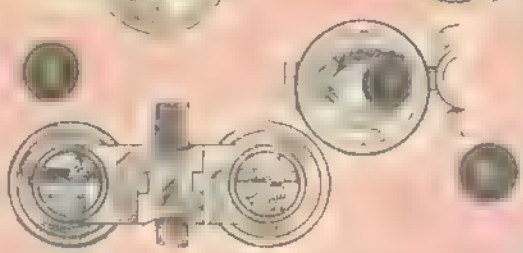

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UNTIL SHE CHANCES TO LOOK INTO THE LEAD-LINED CHAMBER IN WHICH SHE HAD MELTED A HOLE SUCH A SHORT TIME AGO.

AND THERE SHE FINDS AN ANSWER--BUT AN ANSWER THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE.

TWO SKELETONS--AND--

THE DOLL THE LITTLE GIRL WAS CARRYING!

BUT WHO ARE THEY--

SUDDENLY, OLD MAN STANLEY SPEAKS...

ARRR--YOU FOUND THEM ALL RIGHT--THEY NEVER LEFT!

AFTER THEIR BRAT DIED OF THE INFLUENZA, I PUT OUT THE STORY THAT THEY HAD GONE TO EUROPE TO FORGET.

THEN I KILLED THEM AND SEALED THEM UP BEHIND THAT WALL.

FORTUNATELY, JUST ABOUT THAT TIME A SHIP HAD GONE DOWN WITH A LOSS OF ALL ABOARD.
I PUT IT OUT THAT THEY WERE ABOARD UNDER ASSUMED NAMES-- WANTING COMPLETE SOLITUDE TO FORGET THEIR LOSS--
--AND IN THAT WAY I INHERITED ALL THEIR MONEY AND PROPERTY AS THEIR ONLY LIVING RELATIVE.
BUT A LOT OF GOOD IT DID ME--
I WAS SO AFRAID SOMEONE WOULD FIND THEM--FIND OUT WHAT I HAD DONE--IF I DIDN'T GUARD THE HOUSE EVERY MINUTE, DON'T YOU SEE-- HEE--HEE--
--AND ALL THAT MONEY--I NEVER GOT ANY PLEASURE OUT OF IT!
NOT ONE BIT! I WAS ALWAYS TOO AFRAID TO LEAVE HERE FOR FEAR SOMEONE WOULD FIND ME OUT!
ALL THAT MONEY--AND IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING! NOTHING!
NOTHING! FORTY YEARS-- AND IT WAS FOR NOTHING!
FIRST I'LL CALL THE GUYS--THEN THE POLICE-- THEN INTO MY LINDA DISGUISE-- NASTY'S BEGINNING TO STIR!
AS THE POLICE TAKE AWAY THEIR PRISONER...
ALL THAT MONEY-- HAHAHA-- FORTY YEARS--
CUTE, LINDA-- YOU GOT AWAY WITH IT AGAIN!
THIS POOR GUY IS SO FAR AROUND THE BEND, THAT WE'LL NEVER GET ANY SENSE OUT OF H.M.
AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) IS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE GRIM OLD HOUSE, SHE SUDDENLY STOPS...
IT'S HER! THE LITTLE GIRL!
AND THE NEXT DAY, AT THE LOCAL CEMETARY.
YOUR LONG SEARCH IS OVER--
SLEEP WELL, CYNTHIA--
STARTING ON THE NEXT PAGE-- ANOTHER EXCITING, HEART-GRIPPING ADVENTURE FEATURING THE MAID OF STEEL BEGINS!
TURN THE PAGE AND BEGIN— THE INVASION OF THE MER-MEN!

SUPERGIRL
SPENDING A LAZY OFF-DAY AT THE BEACH, LINDA DANVERS IS CHATTING HAPPILY WITH HER CO-WORKER, JOHNNY DREW, OF TV STATION KSFTV--
THANKS, JOHNNY, IT'S BEEN A REAL FUN DAY--NO WORK--AND NO NASTY!
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU, LINDA--WHAT IS THIS THING YOU'VE GOT GOING AGAINST NASTHALTHIA?
SUDDENLY, SOME INSTINCT MAKES JOHNNY SPIN AROUND...
OH, IT'S JUST A SILLY JEALOUSY THING FROM OUR SCHOOL DAYS AT STANHOPE, AND--
JOHNNY, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS RIGHT!
OR IS IT WHO?
HEAD FOR THE BUGGY, LINDA--I'LL TRY TO HOLD WHO-WHAT'S'S OFF!
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A GAG OR NOT--BUT JUST IN CASE IT ISN'T--
BRING HELP!
HURRY!
JOHNNY, WHAT?
INVASION OF THE MER-MEN

OBEYING JOHNNY'S SHOUTED ORDER, LINDA SPURTS OFF TOWARD JOHNNY'S DUNE-BUGGY, PARKED JUST A FEW FEET AWAY--AND AS SHE DOES, SHE QUICKLY GLANCES BACK TO SEE JOHNNY GOING INTO FURIOUS ACTION AGAINST THE TWO STRANGE LOOKING CREATURES.
I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING SOME HOKEY SCIENCE FICTION FILM AROUND HERE--AND IF THEY ARE, I'LL APOLOGIZE LATER.
BUT I DON'T LIKE THINGS CREEPING UP ON ME LIKE YOU TWO JUST DID!
KNOWING THAT JOHNNY IS CREATING A DIVERSION FOR HER, LINDA QUICKLY DIVES INTO THE DUNE BUGGY AND ROARS OFF.
OH, JOHNNY-- I HATE LEAVING YOU LIKE THIS--
KA-BOOM
SHOOSH
BUT IN MY LINDA DANVERS' DISGUISE--
--AND WEARING THIS BATHING SUIT--
--I CAN'T BECOME SUPERGIRL!
I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME PLACE FAST WHERE I CAN GET INTO MY SUPERGIRL UNIFORM AND OUT OF MY LINDA CHARACTER.
HOLD OUT, JOHNNY-- PLEASE HOLD OUT UNTIL I CAN GET BACK!
ROAR
PRESSING HER FOOT DOWN SO HARD THAT IT SEEMS SHE IS PRESSING THE GAS PEDAL THROUGH THE FLOOR, SHE PRACTICALLY HAS THE DUNE-BUGGY FLYING OVER THE SAND.

TOPPING A DUNE, AND SLAMMING THE BUGGY TO THE BOTTOM OF IT IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE AND SAND, BRAKES SQUEALING IN SCREAMING TORTURED PROTEST, LINDA SLEWS THE DUNE BUGGY AROUND AND INTO A DEAD STOP.
NOW TO GET OUT OF LINDA DANVERS AND INTO SUPERGIRL!
I'M GLAD I BROUGHT ALL MY EQUIPMENT WITH ME IN MY BEACH BAG!
KEEEEEEECH!
FIRST, LINDA PUTS ON HER EXO-SKELET
WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE WITHOUT THOSE SCIENTISTS IN KANDOR?
*EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE ADVENTURE COMICS #304--"SUPERGIRL?"
--THEN, WITH LIGHTNING-LIKE SWIFTNESS, HER NEW SUPERGIRL UNIFORM.
OH--I HOPE JOHNNY IS STILL HOLDING OUT AGAINST THOSE THINGS--
--AND I HOPE THAT MY SUPER POWERS DON'T PICK JUST NOW TO SHUT DOWN.*
WELL, I'LL SOON KNOW.
HERE GOES!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: AGAIN FOR THE ANSWER TO SUPERGIRL'S ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN SUPER POWERS, SEE ADVENTURE COMICS #304. "SUPER-GIRL?"
LIKE A STREAK OF BLUE, RED AND GOLD--SUPERGIRL LAUNCHES HERSELF FORWARD AND UPWARD WITH THE SPEED OF A ROCKET...
I'LL TELL JOHNNY THAT LINDA SPOTTED ME, AND TOLD ME WHAT WAS HAPPENING!

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THEY'RE GONE!
LANDING QUICKLY, SUPER-GIRL READS THE STORY THE ROILED-UP SAND TELLS HER.
FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, JOHNNY PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT--
BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH -- FROM WHAT THOSE TRACKS LEADING AWAY FROM HERE TELL ME...
I'D BETTER FOLLOW THEM-- MAYBE I CAN STILL CATCH UP WITH THEM.
SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL TAKES OFF DOWN THE BEACH, FOLLOWING THE CLEARLY DEFINED TRAIL OF JOHNNY AND HIS ABDUCTORS.
THE TRACKS LEAD RIGHT TO THE WATER'S EDGE.
A LOOK OF HORROR REPLACES HOPE, AS THE MAID OF STEEL REALIZES WHAT THE TRACKS MEAN.
THEY'VE TAKEN HIM INTO THE SEA!
JOHNNY CAN'T LIVE BUT A FEW MINUTES UNDER WATER! NO HUMAN CAN!
MAYBE I'M TOO LATE ALREADY!
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KNOWING NOW, THAT EVERY PRECIOUS MOMENT COUNTS, SUPERGIRL PLUNGES INTO THE WATER AND FRANTICALLY BEGINS TO SEARCH FOR JOHNNY--OR HIS BODY. BUT A SUPER-SPEED SEARCH OF THE SEA BOTTOM REVEALS--

HE'S NOT HERE!

MAYBE MY TELESCOPIC-VISION MAY SHOW SOMETHING!

BUT BEFORE THE MAID OF MIGHT CAN PUT HER TELE-SCOPIC-VISION TO WORK--A STRANGE SENSATION OCCURS WITHIN HER BODY--

MY LUNGS--FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON FIRE!

MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE CUT OUT ON ME AGAIN!

MOUTH OPEN, THE NOW NON-SUPERGIRL SURFACES--DESPERATELY GASPING DOWN LIFE-GIVING OXYGEN INTO HER AIR-STARVED LUNGS, WATER AND TEARS STREAM DOWN HER FACE AS SHE REALIZES--

OH, JOHNNY, I'VE FAILED YOU!

AND I COULD HAVE SAVED YOU IF I HADN'T RUN AWAY TRYING TO HIDE SUPERGIRL'S SECRET IDENTITY.

LATER, GEOFF, NASTY, AND A POLICE BOAT ARRIVE AT THE SPOT WHERE JOHNNY DISAPPEARED--THREE WEARING SCUBA GEAR.

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WE'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE-- HE'S *JUST NOT HERE!*

FINALLY, GEOFF GIVES THE SIGNAL THAT ALL HAD BEEN DREADING-- OXYGEN ALMOST GONE--SURFACE!

AND AS THE TRIO STRIP OFF THEIR EQUIPMENT--

WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED? YOU SAW THE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND-- THIS IS THE SPOT!

I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW-- I DON'T KNOW--

EVEN NASTY'S USUAL SHARP TONGUE IS MOMENTARILY STILLED BY THE TRAGEDY.

--ALL I KNOW IS JOHNNY IS *GONE!*

WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO FIND HIM-- BUT IT WAS USELESS--

MAYBE THE CURRENT WASHED HIM OUT TO SEA. IT'S PRETTY STRONG AROUND HERE, YOU KNOW.

THE CURRENT DIDN'T TAKE JOHNNY--THOSE *THINGS* DID!

AND IT'S UP TO ME, AS *SUPER-GIRL*, TO FIND HIM!

BUT FIRST, ANOTHER TRIP TO *KANDOR* FOR SOME EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ENABLE ME TO STAY UNDER WATER INDEFINITELY, IF MY POWERS FAIL ME AGAIN.

AGAIN, *SUPERGIRL* MAKES THE TRIP TO THE *FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE* AND THE *MICRO-RAY TUNNEL* SHRINKS HER AND TRANSPORTS HER INTO THE CITY IN A BOTTLE--THE CITY OF *KANDOR*--

--WHERE, AS USUAL, THE GREETING IS WELCOME AND WARM.

SUPERGIRL! HOW *GOOD* TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

HELLO, ANDOR. I SEEM TO BE BOTHERING YOU *SO MUCH* THESE DAYS.

BUT AGAIN I NEED HELP, *YOUR* HELP! YOU SEE--

SUPERGIRL EXPLAINS HER NEEDS TO THE SCIENTISTS OF KANDOR --
OF COURSE, SUPERGIRL.
WE HAVE JUST THE THING YOU WANT.
A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SKILLED HANDS OF ONE OF KANDOR'S FINEST SURGEONS PERFORM THEIR MIRACLE.
ALL RIGHT, IT'S DONE!
AND MOMENTS LATER, SUPERGIRL FINDS OUT JUST WHAT HAD BEEN DONE.
WE HAVE INSERTED TWO MINIATURE MICRO-FILTERS INTO YOUR NOSTRILS. THEY WILL PERFORM LIKE THE GILLS OF A FISH--ALLOWING YOU TO BREATHE IF YOUR SUPER POWERS FAIL YOU WHILE YOU ARE UNDER WATER. SINCE EVEN OUTER SPACE IS NOT WITHOUT TRACES OF OXYGEN--EVEN THERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BREATHE WITH THESE.
I'M SO FULL OF MECHANICAL GADGETS NOW, I FEEL LIKE A WIND-UP TOY!
BUT THANKS FOR SOLVING MY PROBLEM.
MEANWHILE, IN A REMOTE LABORATORY ON EARTH, A GRIM GROUP OF EARTH'S LEADING SCIENTISTS IS MEETING, AND LENDING AN EVEN GRIMMER NOTE TO THE PROCEEDINGS, SPRINKLED AMONG THE SCIENTISTS ARE HARD-FACED MEN WEARING MILITARY UNIFORMS.
GENTLEMEN, WE ARE GATHERED HERE ON A MATTER OF UTMOST URGENCY!
NEVER HAS THE WORLD BEEN FACED WITH SUCH AN EMERGENCY.
GASPS OF SURPRISE COME FROM THE ASSEMBLAGE AT THE SPEAKER'S NEXT WORDS.
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS STEALING EARTH'S WATER!
HOW MUCH WE'VE ALREADY LOST--WE CANNOT GUESS!
BUT OUR COMPUTERS ARE TELLING US MILLIONS OF GALLONS ARE DISAPPEARING.
AND THAT, WITHIN A YEAR, OR A LITTLE LESS, EARTH WILL BE A DESERT. ALL HUMAN, PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE WILL BE DEAD!
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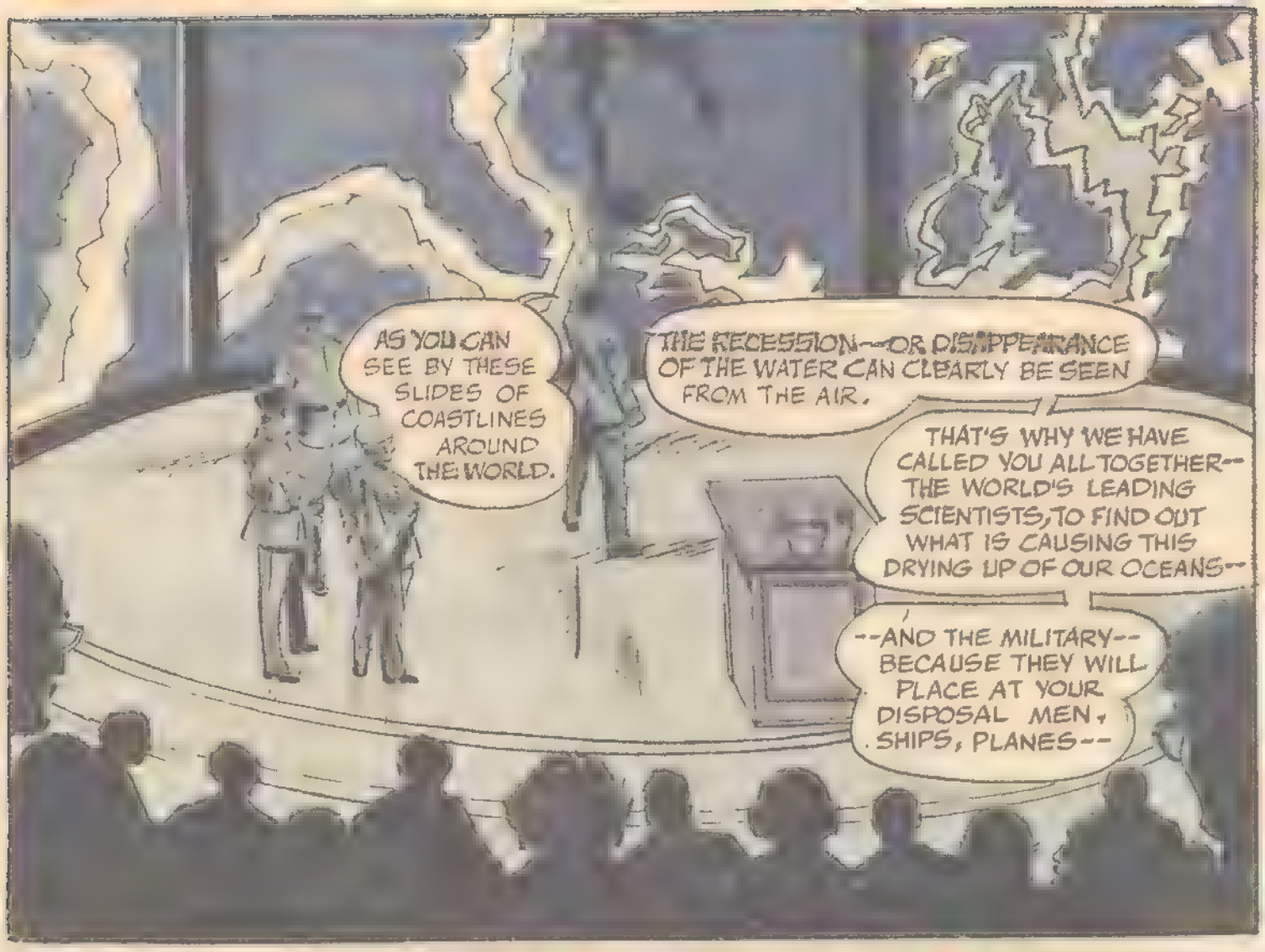
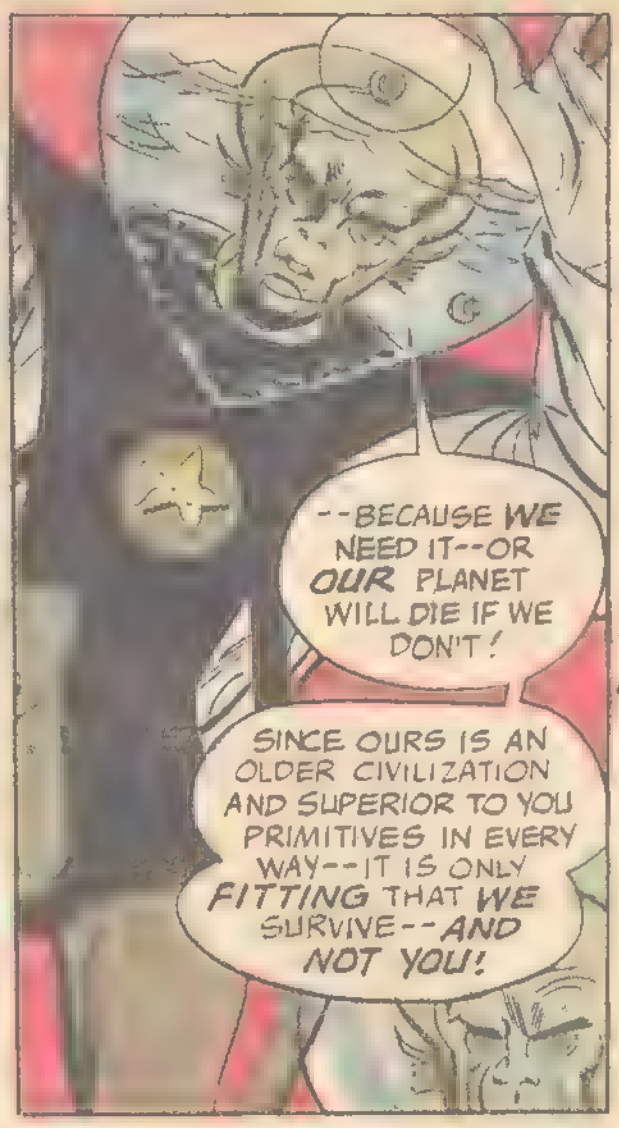

AS YOU CAN SEE BY THESE SLIDES OF COASTLINES AROUND THE WORLD.
THE RECESSION--OR DISAPPEARANCE OF THE WATER CAN CLEARLY BE SEEN FROM THE AIR.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE CALLED YOU ALL TOGETHER--THE WORLD'S LEADING SCIENTISTS, TO FIND OUT WHAT IS CAUSING THIS DRYING UP OF OUR OCEANS--
--AND THE MILITARY--BECAUSE THEY WILL PLACE AT YOUR DISPOSAL MEN, SHIPS, PLANES--


--BECAUSE WE NEED IT--OR OUR PLANET WILL DIE IF WE DON'T!
SINCE OURS IS AN OLDER CIVILIZATION AND SUPERIOR TO YOU PRIMITIVES IN EVERY WAY--IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT WE SURVIVE--AND NOT YOU!

IS EARTH DOOMED?

DOOMED TO BECOME A BARREN BALL LIKE ITS OWN SATELLITE, THE MOON, DOOMED TO FOREVER FLOAT IN SPACE COMPLETELY *LIFELESS...?*

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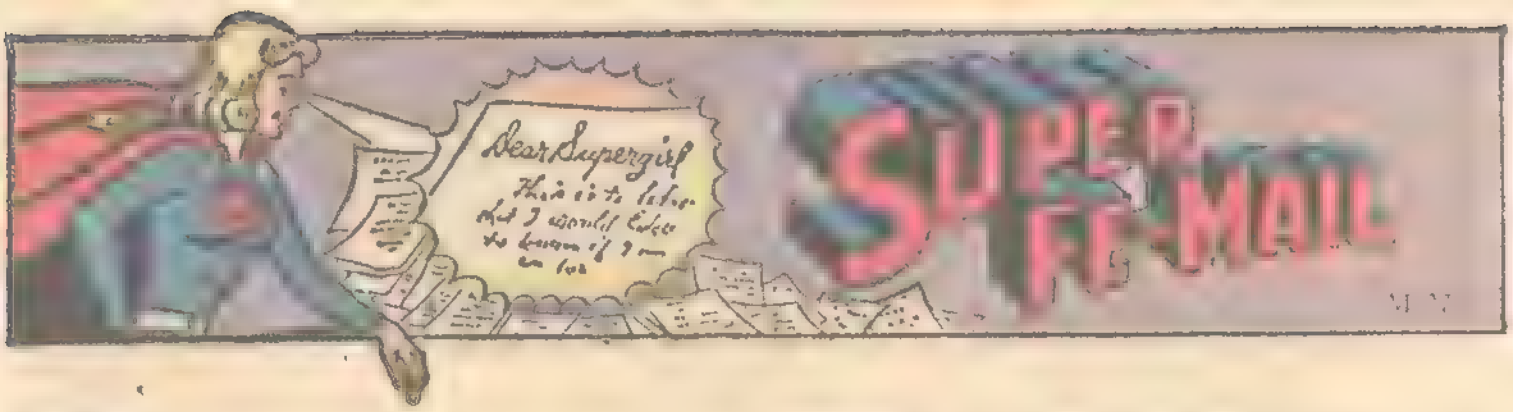

Dear Editor:

Over the years I have been reading comics, Supergirl has been far from one of my favorite characters, and I have always regarded her as a cheap carbon copy of the real thing. Yet, after reading the last issue of *Adventure*, I have changed my mind.

The main reason for this change in point of view is the work of one Michael Sekowsky, who along with doing some excellent issues of *Justice League of America* is responsible for the revitalization of *Wonder Woman* and is now turning Supergirl into something of interest. The plots have changed from trite, unimaginative ones to ones with much greater scope and appeal to both the male and female. We no longer find Supergirl battling Luthor or saving worlds, but fighting real people, real down-to-Earth villains.

Mr. Sekowsky is slowly building something of worth out of years of mismanagement and indifference. As long as efforts such as issue 404 are continued, future success is almost guaranteed. Thank you again for an enjoyable issue.

Mark Sigal, Toronto, Ont., Canada

(And thank you for the good words. Now tell us what you think of Linda's relocation in San Francisco.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Supergirl's powers coming and going unexpectedly, causing problems for her in tight situations? Gee, that sounds like a great idea! Except for one thing . . . somebody beat you to it! It seems to me that a certain gentleman from Krypton is having the same problem, except that he didn't have to take a pill.

Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(On the other hand, if Superman can get rid of that weird double of himself, he's home free. But Supergirl has to depend on the Professor to try to find an antidote to his pill—and he may never do it!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I knew it would just be a matter of time until *Adventure* was turned into a *Wonder Woman*-type magazine. By that I mean having stories that take three issues to tell. I'm not against it; in fact, I don't even mind the use of this format for the mag once in a while, since there is no bi-monthly wait to endure between issues, as with *Wonder Woman*.

Anyway, issue 404 was thoroughly enjoyable. There is something about your style of writing and drawing that makes you perfectly suited to Supergirl.

The story itself was excellently plotted and very well presented. Starfire is a fascinating villainess for Supergirl. I'm glad to see you're building a private "Rogues Gallery" for Supergirl, and I'd like to see Nasty, Black Flame and Starfire battle our heroine often. What can be said about the art, except that it was the usual from Mike Sekowsky—brilliant!?!

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(Thanks—but we promise the story beginning in this issue will not take three issues to finish.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I wish to call your attention to four people who are very important in Supergirl's life, but who, for some reason, have been totally ignored since well before you became editor. I refer to her four parents.

Since you took over, Supergirl has visited Kandor twice, but apparently she has not paid any visit to Zor-El and Alura, her Kryptonian parents. I would not like to accuse her of being a bad daughter, but what else can I think? Also, because of all those years in the Survival Zone, they are still physically young enough to, say, give Supergirl a baby sister or brother . . .

Since Linda went to college, precious little has been seen of Mr. and Mrs. Danvers, her foster parents. Don't they care about their adopted daughter? Doesn't she care about them?

A while back, the magazine boasted that, whereas Superman lost both sets of parents, his cousin still had both of hers. Now I'm not sure that's true. Please bring them all back; after all, no parent likes being neglected.

Larry Smith, Occidental College, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Well, Mr. and Mrs. Danvers were at Linda's graduation recently—while Zor-El and Alura reappear in the next issue. Okay?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Issue 404 featured a great story, but please don't send Supergirl down the same road as Wonder Woman. The Girl of Steel is getting more like Diana Prince every issue! First she gets a new villain similar to Cyber. Next, she practically loses her super-powers! Hear a familiar bell? Wonder Woman style again!

Gary Swafford, Harriman, Tenn.

(Well—a little bit. Supergirl ditched her old costume, like WW, too. But I Ching won't be popping up to help the Maid of Might. He's too busy aiding Superman in his mag!—Ed.)

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